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Getting Cheap Labor

In the modern game of business the manufacturer wins who is able to produce his wares at the least cost. That is not a theory, but a condition; and it is a condition over which the manufacturer has no more control than any other individual. As a result of that condition every manufacturer gets his labor for the lowest wage practicable. It is that fact, in connection with the fact that every wage earner is continually striving to get a higher wage, that brings about a continuous struggle between the men who pay wages with the men who earn wages.

While the tendency on each side is to get it all, each interest acts as a check upon the other; and the wage scale is always a compromise in which each side accepts what it can get for the time being, though ever keeping an eye open to the next chance. These compromises and more or less formal agreements fix the standard of wages that prevail, and determine the standard of living for the working man and his family.

To maintain his standard of living it becomes necessary for the working man to keep cheap labor out of the market. He very reasonably objects to the importation of coolies, rice-eaters, and all less ambitious people who will work for less because more easily satisfied. For the same reason he objects to the farming out of convict labor in prisons. He demands that every laborer receive the prevailing rate of wages based upon time and product.

In a general way this demand is complied with, for the double reason that it is enforced by the workmen, and that it is necessary to maintain their efficiency; but its violation is continuously threatened by new enterprises and new methods; and it is of a new enterprise with an old method that we have now to deal. There is a new manufacturer in the field with a peculiar means of obtaining cheap labor.

That new manufacturer is the Roman Catholic Church corporation whose most conspicuous use of labor is in its laundries and schools. In its parochial schools it utilizes thousands of nuns who work for nothing but cheap board and clothing. On the part of the nun this labor is given for the greater glory of church and the religion supposed to be connected therewith. On the part of the corporation that labor is coined into divers profits received as tuition, etc. If the teachers were paid the prevailing rate of wages, the corporation's schools could not compete with the public schools; but with the equivalent of slave labor this commercializer of education carries on a profitable undertaking and is gradually driving the public school toward inefficiency and obliteration.

And so the corporation operates its laundries. By means of pretense of charity, and by papal influence over courts of correction, these laundries, usually operated in the so-called Houses of the Good Shepherd, get their labor for nothing. They can make clean clothes out of dirty clothes more cheaply than the legitimate laundryman who pays wages, and thereby have an advantage gained through the operation of their pretended religion and charities. Getting cheap labor is good business, and getting it in the name of religion and charity is a great craft. It is a great thing for the commercial department of Rome, but it is a bad thing for laundry workers and laborers generally who thereby have to compete with the equivalent of slave labor.

But Rome is not stopping at parochial schools and laundries. These are but the beginnings of a system designed to expand and finally embrace practically every business that now pays wages. In connection with an alleged charity, owned by Rome in an eastern state, is now a shoe factory which sells its product direct to consumers by means of a handsome catalogue. The catalogue contains pictures of its shop in operation, and shows rows of boys in knickerbockers making shoes; boys who are orphans or dependents, and are herded into this institution under the name of charity to make shoes that priests and their system may have profit.

It may be that some city, county, or state is paying for the care of these children on the supposition that they are being educated; but the bald fact remains that they are in an economic sense the equivalent of slave labor with which legitimate shoemakers are coming in daily competition. If the institution gets pay for their keep, as well as the benefit of their labor, the transaction is even more profitable. And that is not unlikely since it has been found that in the H. O. G. S. laundry at Los Angeles this double revenue is being derived from girls committed to the institution and that some of the inmates have been slaving there for years.

There can be no doubt that the pope's campaign to make America Catholic includes an industrial, as well as political, program; and this is the more likely from the ability of papal agents to acquire cheap labor as rapidly as the places for it to work can be prepared. Of course the idea will be scouted by the wise ones who never see anything until after it has happened; but some of this has already happened, and is a promise of what is to follow. Don't get excited, but look the situation calmly over, and see what it may mean in times of depression when an army of unemployed tramp the streets willing to work for a short time at least for the chance to eat.

Then will be the ideal time and condition for Rome to set up a benevolent feudalism and fill her charity shops with hungry workers. She can then turn out the babies now doing the work and fill their places at the machines with able-bodied men who would accept the conditions rather than starve. Such a situation is not pleasant to contemplate, and it is to be hoped that it will never be; but this much is certain, the tendency is in that direction. The danger will not be averted until slave labor in the charity sweatshops is totally abolished. We have the law to abolish them, but the officers who should enforce the law are either papists or sympathizers.

It is up to the American workman to vote that he will cease coming in competition with slave labor in the sweatshops of the papacy. Give your votes to such candidates only as are pledged to enforce the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which provides that:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

In their mad ravings against The Menace, and their protests against it being granted the same privileges enjoyed by other publications at the hands of the postal officials, the Romanists howl about the injustice of their paying taxes to support the postal machinery that distributes the paper to the people of the United States, as if The Menace didn't pay the government its price for handling it in the mails. The Menace pays the government for all it gets from it, thank you, and if there's a deficit in the postoffice department that must be made up from some other source it's because the government permits this department to be robbed blind by the railroads and express companies.

For genuine dyed-in-the-wool calamity howlers Catholic priests take the cake and coin. They are always horribly mistreated by someone in Mexico, or the Fiji Islands, or Patagonia, or Timbuctoo; insulted by newspapers in the United States, or by Protestant missionaries abroad. Their peevish prattle reminds one of a bunch of spoiled youngest

Put None But True Americans on Guard

THIS SENTIMENT, given expression over a century ago by the Father of His Country, is of no less moment now than at the time it originated. In fact, obedience to this injunction is more important now than in any other period of our history. When we use the term "Americans" in this case, we mean all that the term implies—Americans in spirit and belief as well as in name.

It would seem like a waste of space to advise a Menace reader not to vote for a Roman Catholic for public office, *but it is not a waste of space to urge him to ascertain who the Romanists are on the various tickets and go to the polls early, stay late and work for their defeat.*

Not only that, but there is plenty of time for you to order extra copies of this and next week's issue of The Menace and distribute them among your neighbors, and also speak to those of your acquaintance about this most important subject.

As we have said before, and do not hesitate to say again, there are no doubt many individual Roman Catholics who are qualified to fill the offices they seek from the standpoint of honesty and intelligence, *but they do not own their own souls and cannot, therefore, honestly pledge fidelity to the American people and the government they are seeking to serve.*

Roman Catholics belong to an organization which demands that their first allegiance be to the pope of Rome, a foreign potentate whose only interest in this country is to make it Catholic and annex it to the "holy Roman empire" as a dues paying province.

They belong to an organization that stands opposed to the American public school system, *an institution to which Americans point with pride, and which is recognized as the bulwark of the nation.*

They belong to an organization that stands opposed to free speech, free press and free conscience and an organization which not only countenances but actually encourages the mobbing and murder of those who presume to exercise these privileges.

They hold allegiance to a church which teaches that *it is the only real, genuine, blown-in-the-bottle religion, and that all those who hold to any other belief are "heretics" who should still be exterminated in the same manner that Rome exterminated Protestants and non-Catholics during the reign of the Inquisition.*

They belong to an organization which teaches that *you and your wife are living in concubinage and that your children are bastards if you were not joined in wedlock by a Roman Catholic priest in petticoats—even the kind of priest who violates his vow of celibacy, seduces an innocent maiden and then murders her to hide his crime, chops her body to gibles with an ax and dumps the parts into the river.*

These Roman Catholic politicians virtually demand the majority of the official positions in this country because they believe that they are the only people qualified to hold them. *They believe this simply because they believe a hundred and one other things equally as foolish and silly, such as the belief that the pope of Rome is the king of Heaven, Earth and Hell; that he holds the keys to Heaven and has the right to destroy governments and depose rulers; that death is better for a "heretic" than unbelief in the pope and the "holy Roman" show.*

Last and most dangerous of all, they believe in the consolidation of church and state; they believe that politics and religion should be administered from the same source, and that the pope should be the sole and supreme ruler of the universe.

Naturally these men have no conception of the soul and spirit of a free government, and consequently no sympathy with its machinery. *Why, then, should we place this machinery in their hands?*

IT SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THEIR HANDS!
Therefore it is up to the readers of this paper and all other patriotic citizens of the nation to not only go to the polls on November 3rd and vote against every Roman Catholic office seeker on their respective tickets, but it is their duty to go there and work with other voters in an effort to accomplish their defeat.

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY!"

The Menace Absorbs The Beacon Light

With this week's issue The Menace absorbs the subscription list of The Beacon Light, formerly published by A. C. Veach at Gravette, Ark., a patriotic and anti-Catholic paper the same size and same general appearance as The Menace.

Mr. Veach is publisher of the Sovereign Oddfellow and The Globe, a Masonic publication, and found himself overtaxed with the additional work of publishing The Beacon Light, which has been published for something like a year.

Not only that but Mr. Veach found that this particular field of journalism was thoroughly covered by The Menace, and that it was up hill work to support a paper that could never expect to be anything but an imitator of the original pioneer in this field, The Menace.

We welcome The Beacon Light subscribers to our list, and while it is most likely that some of them are already on our list it is impossible for us to extend the subscriptions. All we can do is to fill out The Beacon Light subscription contracts the same as our own, and those who are duplicated will, of course, receive two papers until one or the other of the subscriptions expires. Those who do this are asked to pass the extra copy out each week to some friend who is not a subscriber, and thus do some valuable agitation work for the cause.

Why Not Be Consistent?

The American Federation of Catholic Societies, which convened in annual session at Baltimore recently, sent several delegations composed of priests and prelates to Washington to protest to President Wilson against the treatment accorded undesirable Romanists in Mexico by the constitutionalists.

The newspapers dwell on the fact that they demanded that Wilson recognize no government in Mexico which does not guarantee religious freedom.

You see it depends on whose ox is gored.

Romanists in America, where they have the protection of the powers that be, and stand in with the lickspittle politicians who run the government, do not believe in religious freedom for Protestants. When a public speaker goes out to dispute the claim of Rome to everything in sight from the policeman on the beat to the presidency, he is promptly mobbed by Roman Catholic hoodlums, but when the criminal Romanists are railroaded from Mexico in an effort to make it possible to establish peace in that unhappy country, they howl about persecution, and actually try to prevail on a supposedly neutral government to intercede in their behalf and set up an Inquisition against Protestants and non-Catholics for protection and for the purpose of wreaking vengeance on their enemies, the "heretics."

President Wilson is said to have promised the delegations to do what he could. What he meant by this promise remains to be seen, but the people of America should see to it that he maintains neutrality in Mexico just as industriously as he does in Europe.

The American government will have all it can do for the next few months attending to its own business. It is not necessary to set up a government protector for criminal Roman Catholics in order to find something for our hired masters to work at.

When the Roman tool, Huerta, was in power in Mexico, and was slaughtering Protestants and non-Catholics by wholesale, Rome demanded that the government keep hands off, but now that the other side has the whip hand she is very much exercised about Mexico and can find all kind of excuses for butting into the melee.

Virtually this is what Rome says to the people: "When you Protestants are in power, you should be tolerant, for you believe in it. But when we are in power we cannot be expected to be tolerant, because we DO NOT believe in it."

Fine doctrine, eh?

WE SURE HAVE FRIENDS!

Say, The Menace has more friends than Carter had oats.

As these lines are written Menace readers are joining "The Dollar Bill Brigade" at the rate of about two hundred a day. Not on to the scheme yet?

Well, we'll put you on.

You see when the war broke out in Europe the whole country went on the blink, more or less, usually more, so far as business was concerned, and we noticed that the president of the United States and the heads of other big concerns began to adopt "war measures."

Well, The Menace got busy, and it adopted a war measure also. It asked every friend it had who hadn't been doing much for the cause, and who didn't feel like doing more, to lend it a dollar 'till the war is over.

Wasn't that some financiering, though?

Yes, but it's so simple and so easy that any one who cares a rap for the little old Menace can do it, and they are doing it by the hundreds. I am keeping tab on these fellows and when the war is over I am going to give them an honorable discharge from this particular obligation with a photograph of the whole Menace gang printed right in the center of it.

The scheme is to send The Menace a dollar for four sub cards, which are each worth 25 cents, and each good for a year's subscription. Father Bullcon figured this scheme out and he figures that in this manner we will have the dollar you sent us, and at the same time you will have it. You can see how much help it would be to us if every one of you fellows would send us a dollar, and you can also see that you would still have the value of the dollar in sub cards.

All we ask you to do is sell the cards, getting your dollar back, then send it to us for four more cards, and keep this up till the war is over. Simple? I should say so! Try it! See the blank below:

THE DOLLAR BILL BRIGADE

The Menace, Aurora, Mo.
For the ONE DOLLAR enclosed send me four subscription cards and enroll me in the Dollar Bill Brigade until the war is over. I agree to sell the four cards at the earliest possible date and immediately order four more, and thus keep my dollar working.

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